



# News Release

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## Lightning Storm Passes Over Manzano Mountains Several New Starts Reported

Mountainair, NM - June 2, 2013: A lightning storm with possibly over 1000 strikes passed over the Manzano Mountains around 4-5pm. We currently have 4 confirmed starts in the Manzano Mountains with 2 unconfirmed starts being reported. Crews from the Mountainair Ranger District along with Torrance County volunteers and neighboring districts are responding to the starts at this time. We currently have no confirmed sizes, but all are believed to be fairly small at this time. Some of the fires received moderate rain along with the lightning. Fires are in the areas of:

1. Red Canyon Trail
2. McKinley Private Land
3. South of La Questa Road west of Torreon
4. La Mosca Peak on the north end of the Manzano Mountains.

The two unconfirmed smokes are in the Osha Peak area south of Capilla Peak.

Due to the amount of lightning that passed through the area, residents should be on high alert throughout the Manzano Mountain area as New Mexico is experiencing ongoing drought conditions and very active fire behavior.

Another update will be sent out when more information is known. For more information call 505-847-2990. We will be staffing Mountainair Ranger District Phones as needed this evening, then will be staffing again at 8am.

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